

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 3-11, as follows:

Human Serum Albumin (HSA) is the most widely used intravenous protein and is prescribed in multi-gram quantities to replace blood volume in trauma and in various other clinical situations (Peters, 1995). HSA is a monomeric globular prepro-protein whose mature form consists of a single polypeptide chain of 585 amino acids (~~SEQ ID NO:1~~) (66.5 kda with 17 disulphide bonds). The annual world need for biopharmaceutically acceptable HSA exceeds 500 tons, representing a market value of more than \$1.5 billion. To date, HSA has been produced primarily by the fractionation of blood serum. Lack of glycosylation facilitates production of functional HSA in prokaryotic systems.

After page 47 of the application, beginning on a new page, please insert the enclosed "Sequence Listing."